

**Amendments to the Specification:**

***Please replace paragraph [3] with the following amended paragraph:***

[3] Fig. 1 shows a related-art three-electrode structure that is driven with an AC voltage. In this structure, each discharge cell is arranged in a matrix and includes an upper plate provided with a sustain electrode pair 14 and 16, an upper dielectric layer 18, and a protective film 20 that are sequentially formed on an upper substrate 10. An address electrode 22, a lower dielectric layer 24, barrier ribs 26 and a phosphorous material layer 28 are sequentially formed on a lower substrate ~~[[18]]~~ 12. The upper and the lower substrates are spaced in parallel by barrier ribs 24.

***Please replace paragraph [91] with the following amended paragraph:***

[91] The PDP also connects the transparent electrodes 114A and 116A provided within adjacent two discharge cells, via the link ~~[[130]]~~ 132, to each other. This prevents non-discharge caused by a cell defect occurring in the course of the fabrication process. The PDP also has a structure for preventing alignment deviation upon joining of the upper substrate with the lower substrate with the aid of link ~~[[130]]~~ 132.

***Please replace paragraph [98] with the following amended paragraph:***

[98] Referring to Fig. 14, a sixth embodiment of the present invention are identical to those in the fourth embodiment except for the link ~~[[36]]~~ 136. This link overlaps with barrier ribs 126 and is provided to be spaced at approximately 10 $\mu$ m to 200 $\mu$ m from the ends of opposite head parts 117 of adjacent transparent electrodes 114A and 116A into a stripe part 113, thereby connecting the transparent electrodes 114A and 116A of adjacent discharge cells to each

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other. Such a link 136 therefore forms a path of discharge current through the head parts 117 of adjacent transparent electrodes 114A and 116A, even though a breakage of a transparent electrode material (i.e., ITO) may occur upon formation of the transparent electrodes 114A and 116A. Thus, discharge current is applied, via the link 136, from each transparent electrode 114A and 116A of other discharge cell to the transparent electrodes 114A and 116A broken by a cell defect resulting from an alien substance or an air bubble in the course of a fabrication process of the PDP.

*Please replace paragraph [130] with the following amended paragraph:*

[130] The PDP according to the thirteenth embodiment thus connects the head parts 417 of the transparent electrodes 414A and 416A provided within adjacent discharge cells, via link 430, to each other, to thereby prevent non-discharge caused by a cell defect occurring in the course of the fabrication process. Furthermore, the PDP according to the thirteenth embodiment has a structure for preventing alignment deviation upon joining the upper substrate with the lower substrate with the aid of link 430. Moreover, in the PDP according to the thirteenth embodiment, as shown in Fig. 23, which is an expanded view of area F in Fig. 21, a length W1 of the opposite face of the head part 417 is reduced due to link 430 leaning into the inner side, by approximately 10 $\mu$ m to 200 $\mu$ m, at the end of the head part 417 of each transparent electrode 414A and 416A. As a result, black brightness is reduced and hence contrast ratio can be enhanced.